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WHEELING Diamond Jubilee Celebration

AUGUST 15 thru AUGUST 24

Colorful Wheeling has turned 75 and she's ready to celebrate. She has invited everyone to her Diamond Jubilee Aug. 15 through Aug. 24.

Jubilee events will run the full spectrum. Kicking off the celebration will be a dance recreating the "Big Band Era" of the 30's and 40's with the Ted Weems Orchestra. And concluding the events a week later will be a grand finale parade.

Perhaps the biggest event of the Jubilee, though, is the pageant, "Wheeling Thru the Years." With a cast 300 strong, it presents a historical profile of Wheeling.

Wheeling's history began in 1833 with the arrival of the first settler. Incorporation came 61 years later for the little town of 313.

During the 20's and 30's the town was one of the "spots" for the Chicago gambling and speakeasy crowd.

Today, the town is one of contrasts. Long-time residents live side-by-side with new suburbanites.

And, as Wheeling experiences growth typical of the Northwest suburbs, it also experiences the same typical growing pains that accompany such growth.

But amidst all the growth with its benefits and its dilemmas, Wheeling retains a unique atmosphere that makes it something just a bit special among the Northwest suburbs.

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Calendar

OF SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE WHEELING DIAMOND JUBILEE



Friday, AUGUST 15

6 p.m. Carnival opens at Wheeling High School and runs through Aug. 24.

7 p.m. Teen dance at Wheeling High School.

Saturday, AUGUST 16

9 p.m. Jubilee ball and queen's coronation at Chevy Chase Country Club. Ted Weems Orchestra will entertain.

Sunday, AUGUST 17

2 p.m. Go-cart race demonstration in front of Wheeling High School.

7:30 p.m. Show in the Wheeling High School theatre, "Up With People," includes German band quartet.

8 p.m. Beer garden with German band on parking lot at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Monday, AUGUST 18

10 a.m. Tennis tournament for youth, 9 to 17 years old.

6:30 p.m. Tennis tournament for adults. Both tournaments will be at Wheeling High School.

7:30 p.m. "The Dusty Lane Show," a country and western show with square dance demonstrations at Holmes Junior High School.

AUGUST 18-20

Art show — Girl Scout and Boy Scout displays at Holmes Junior High School.

Tuesday, AUGUST 19

10 a.m. Senior Citizen Day. Luncheon and card party at Holmes Junior High School.

AUGUST 19-23

8:30 p.m. Spectacular Jubilee Pageant, "Wheeling Through The Years" will be in the Wheeling High School stadium. A cast of 300 will portray the history of Wheeling through drama, song and dance.

Wednesday, AUGUST 20

1 p.m. Luncheon and style show; pie baking contest and judging of costumes at Holmes Junior High School.

7:30 p.m. Band concert at Heritage Park.

8:30 p.m. Jubilee Pageant at Wheeling High School.

Thursday, AUGUST 21

10 a.m. Kiddie parade at Holmes Junior High School.

1 p.m. Youth contest at Heritage Park.

5 p.m. Swim meet at Wheeling Community Pool.

8:30 p.m. Jubilee Pageant at Wheeling High School.

Friday, AUGUST 22

8 a.m. Good neighbor and businessmen's breakfast at Union Hotel.

9:30 a.m. Paul Hornung talks with kids at Holmes Junior High School.

9:30 a.m. Tour of the industrial exhibit at Heritage Park and one or more plants.

8:30 p.m. Neighboring towns' mayors to attend the Jubilee Pageant at Wheeling High School.

Saturday, AUGUST 23

10 a.m. Athletic contests for men at Heritage Park.

1 p.m. Time capsule at Holmes Junior High School.

1:30 p.m. Beard contest awards at Holmes Junior High School.

3 p.m. Oldest resident awards at Holmes Junior High School: Awards will go to the person who has lived in Wheeling the longest, to the oldest resident, to the largest family living in Wheeling and to the oldest married couple.

8:30 p.m. Jubilee Pageant at Wheeling High School.

Sunday, AUGUST 24

2 p.m. Grand Finale Parade will start at Rt. 83 and end at Heritage Park where trophies will be awarded for different categories of floats and parade decorations.

AUGUST 15th THROUGH AUGUST 24th

YOUR MAP OF Jubilee Events

WHEELING DIAMOND JUBILEE
AUGUST 15 THRU 24

1

Wheeling High School

Carnival August 15-24
Steak Cook-Out Each Day
Teen Dance August 15
Demonstration
Go-Cart Races August 17
Show in theatre,
German Band, Quartette,
"Up With People" August 17
Tennis Tournaments August 18
Pageant in stadium starts August 19

2

Chevy Chase Country Club

Jubilee Ball
and Queen's Coronation August 16.

3

Dundee and Milwaukee Avenue parking lot

Beer Garden with
German Band August 17

4

Holmes Junior High School

The Dusty Lane Show Country West-
ern and Square Dance demonstration
August 18
Art Show 3 days; Starts August 18
Senior Citizens Day August 19
Luncheon and Style Show August 20
Kiddie Parade August 21
Paul Hornung talks with kids. 22nd
Time Capsule August 23
Beard Contest 23rd
Oldest Resident Award 23rd

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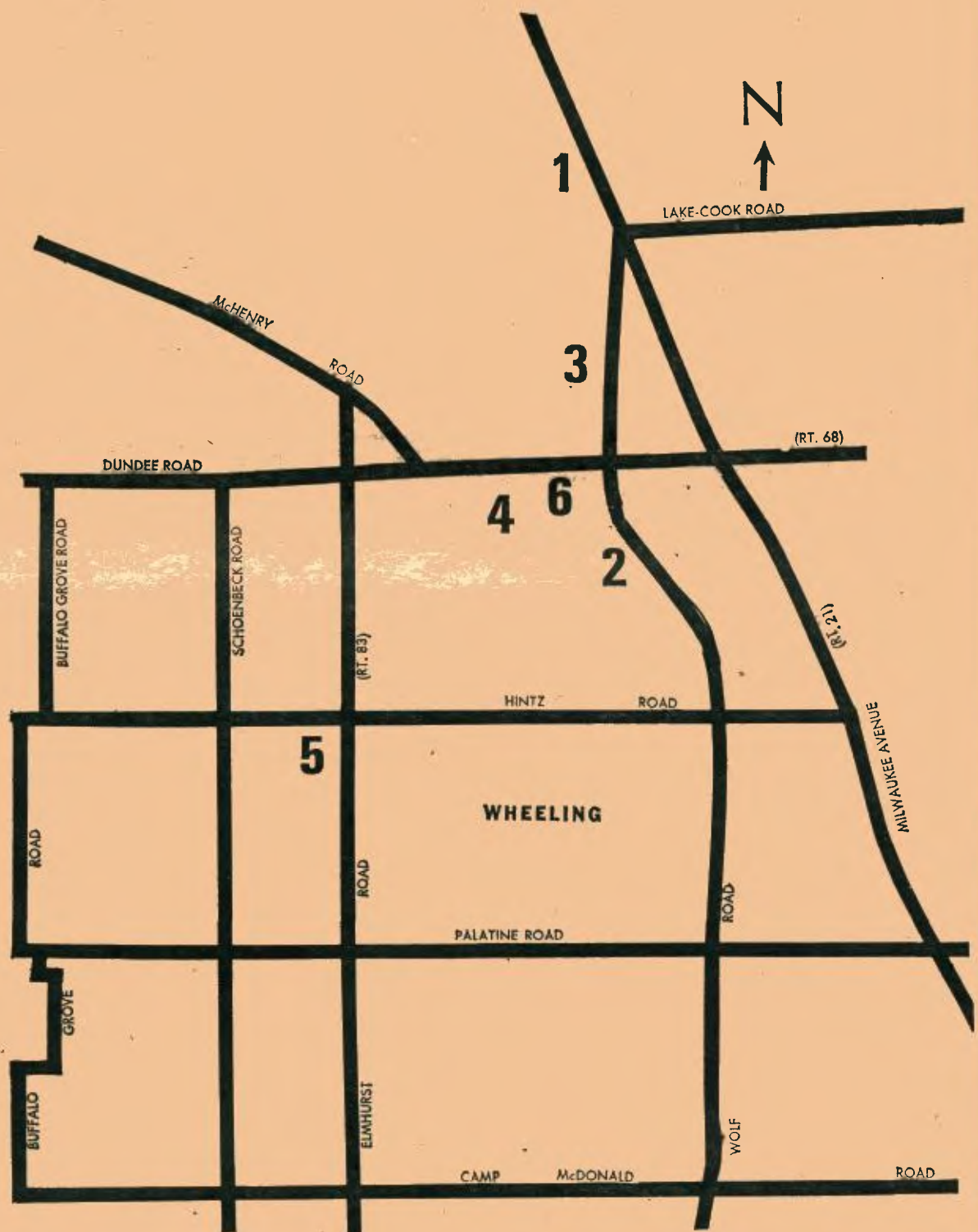
Heritage Park

Band Concert August 20
Youth Contest August 21
Tour of Industrial Exhibits August 22

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Wheeling Community Pool

Swim Meet August 21



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WHEN YOU VISIT
THE WHEELING
DIAMOND
JUBILEE

Jubilee Opens Tomorrow

Every day during Diamond Jubilee celebration days, Aug. 15-24, will be spotlighted with different activities. And the celebration can be enjoyed by visitors as well as by Wheeling residents.

Highlighting the activities will be the "gigantic historical spectacular" pageant running Aug. 19-23. Featuring a cast of 300, the show, called "Wheeling Thru The Years" will portray the village history through comedy, drama, song, and dance.

THE SCENERY AND backdrop will run the full length of Wheeling High School football stadium. The staging will be multi-level with special lighting.

Tickets for the pageant are sold by Jubilee queen candidates. Each ticket sold is counted as a vote for the candidate.

Before the 8:30 p.m. pageant every night will be square dance demonstrations and choruses to entertain the crowd.

An old-time country fair will be in town every day during the celebration. Sponsored by the Wheeling Lions Club the carnival will start at 6 p.m. at the Wheeling High School stadium parking lot.

Booths, rides, food, everything that makes up a fair, will be there. One youth group is sponsoring a fishing tank. Another is setting up a dunking booth. According to reliable informants, Thomas Shirley, Wheeling High School principal, will be sitting on the shelf of the dunking machine.

The carnival will be preceded everyday by a steak cook-out at the High School.

Dances will be swinging for persons of all ages. The teen dance will be Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. in Wheeling High School. On Aug. 16 the Jubilee Ball will begin at 9 p.m. in Chevy Chase Country Club.

FOR THE YOUNG and the young at heart, a demonstration go-cart show will kick off activities, 2 p.m., Aug. 17, in front of Wheeling High School. At 7:30 p.m. in the school's theatre, a German band, a quartette, and the youthful "Up With People" group will perform. Admission for the show will be \$1 per person.

A beer garden with entertainment by a German band will liven things up Aug. 17 at the shopping center parking lot on the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. This ties into Wheeling's past when the early village residents were German and, a brewery was one of the first industries in the village.

The "Dusty Lane Country and Western

Show" and a square dance demonstration will be hopping at Holmes Junior High School on Aug. 18. That same day, tennis tournaments for the young, 9 to 17 years old, will be at 10 a.m. and a tournament for adults will be at 6:30 p.m. at Wheeling High School.

Senior citizen day will be celebrated Aug. 19 with a luncheon and card party at 10 a.m. in Holmes Junior High School.

A luncheon and style show, including a pie-baking contest and a costume judging will highlight events at Holmes Junior High School Aug. 20 at 1 p.m.

The evening of Aug. 20 will feature a band concert at Heritage Park at 7:30.

AUG. 21 WILL start with a kiddie parade at 10 a.m. in the field at Holmes Junior High School. Keeping up the concentration on the youth this day, there will be a youth contest in Heritage Park. A swim meet at the Wheeling Community Pool will begin at 5 p.m.

A breakfast for "good neighbors and businessmen" will start 8 a.m. for the early risers on Aug. 22. The highlight of the activities this day is a talk given by football great, Paul Hornung. It's entitled "Paul Hornung Talks With Kids," and it is open to all the sports-minded at 9:30 a.m. at Holmes Junior High School.

Those interested in Wheeling's industrial growth will have their chance 9:30 a.m., Aug. 22, for a tour of the Industrial Exhibit at Heritage Park and at one or more industrial plants in Wheeling.

The morning of Aug. 23 will provide time for some physical exertion on the part of Wheeling men. The athletic contests for men will start 10 a.m. at Heritage Park.

HOLMES JUNIOR High School will be the location for the remainder of the activities Aug. 23, which include a Time Capsule at 1 p.m., a beard contest at 1:30 p.m., and the presentation of awards to the oldest Wheeling residents at 3 p.m.

Awards will go to the person that has lived in Wheeling the longest, to the oldest resident, to the largest family living in Wheeling, and to the oldest married couple.

The entire celebration will have the final touches put on it by the grand finale parade, which starts at Wheeling High School and ends at Heritage Park where trophies will be awarded.



DIAMOND JUBILEE Keystone Kops night Kangaroo Kourts, held prior to seek unwary kulprits at the Friday jubilee celebration days.

Ted Weems Band to Play

The big band era of the 30's and 40's will be recreated for one night during the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee when the Ted Weems Orchestra performs at the Jubilee Ball, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

THE CHEVY CHASE Country Club at Milwaukee Avenue and Lake-Cook Road in Wheeling will be the scene of the dance.

"It will be an old-fashioned costume ball," said Ron Nash, the Jubilee's coordinator. Women can wear their floor-length dresses and men, their brocade vests and string ties. Nash pointed out that costumes would not be required however.

The Ted Weems Orchestra, now under the direction of Warren Bills, is one of the more famous orchestras to emerge from the days of the big bands.

Probably Weems' biggest hit was "Heartaches." That song made famous Elmo Tanner, the man who performed its whistling part.

Ted Weems died in 1963. But before he did, he chose Warren Bills as the band's new leader. Today the Ted Weems Orchestra is the only major band today whose leader was handpicked by the original one.

Nash said he expected about 1,000 people to attend the dance.

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At midnight John Koeppen, Jubilee president, will crown the Queen of the Diamond Jubilee. Also to be chosen at that time are six princesses.

The queen and her princesses will be honored at each night's performance of the Jubilee pageant, "Wheeling Thru the Years."

THIRTY-FIVE CONTESTANTS between the ages of 17 and 21 are competing for the title. Friday August 15, the seven finalists will be announced. That young woman who sells the most pageant tickets will be chosen queen.

Besides reigning for the duration of the jubilee the queen will receive a Florida vacation and other prizes donated by area businesses.

Jubilee Pageant To Run 5 Nights

The highlight of Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee is the giant historical pageant, "Wheeling Thru the Years," which will portray in song, dance, and drama, the history of the village from its early Indian days to the present.

Starring almost 300 Wheeling residents, the pageant, held Aug. 19 through 23 will encompass the entire athletic field of Wheeling High School football stadium.

The historical spectacular will be presented on a multi-level stage and will be aided by professional lighting techniques, more than 200 slide projections in the background, and several old-time movie sequences.

The pageant is under the direction of Ron Nash, of the John B. Rogers Co., the world's largest producers of historical spectaculars.

The background and staging was constructed by volunteers.

The pageant, running five of the jubilee celebration days (Aug. 15 through 24) is for persons from surrounding areas, as well as Wheeling residents.

Preceding the pageant, an old-time country fair and a steak cook-out are also to be held on the high school grounds.



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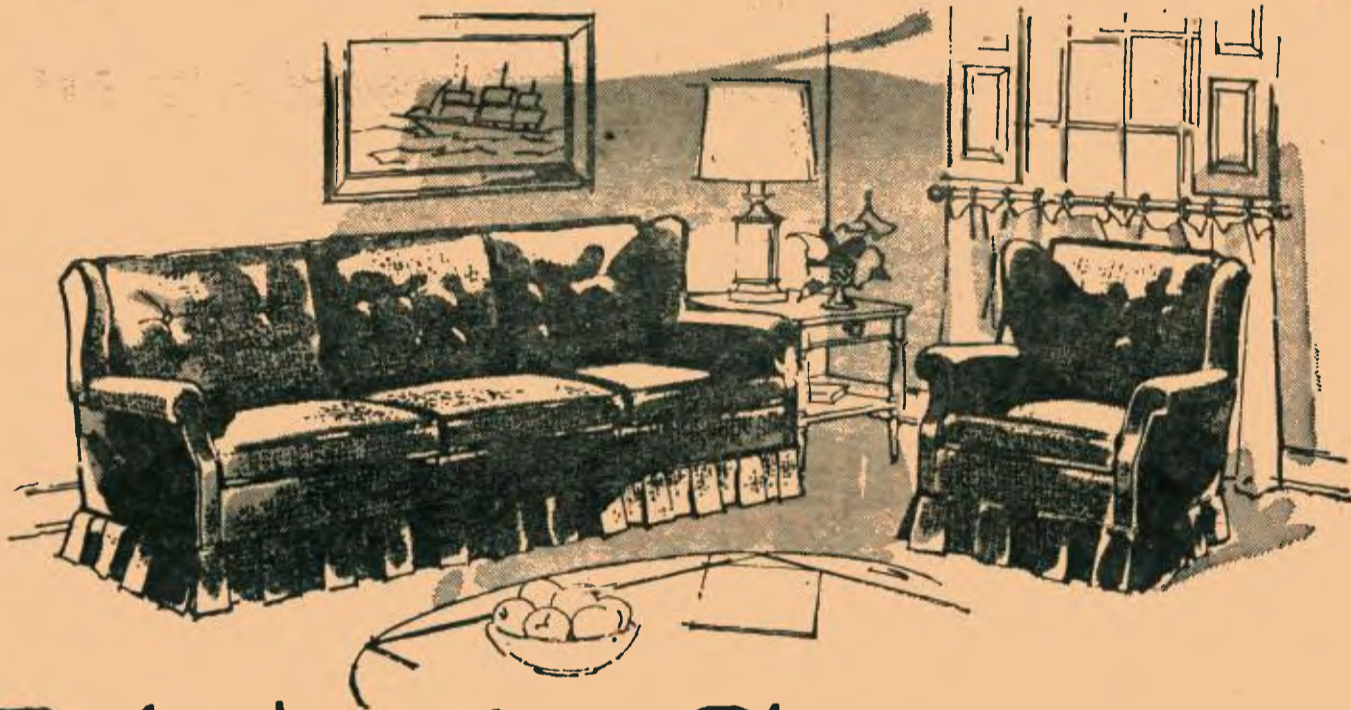
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The Town Still Feels the Boom

by ALAN AKERSON

Wheeling.

To many people the name means little more than a good meal at one of the Milwaukee Avenue restaurants. Or an afternoon of browsing through antique shops, again, on Milwaukee Avenue.

Ask some people how big Wheeling is, and they'll probably answer, "A few miles long and one street wide."

At one time those people would have been right. Milwaukee Avenue, once the stagecoach route between Chicago and Milwaukee, formed the spine of Wheeling.

German restaurants sprouted along the road as did several hotels. The original village hall, a diminutive white frame building, was built on Milwaukee Avenue.

But, if Milwaukee Avenue provided the spur to Wheeling's ambling growth 50 years ago, then Dundee Road is doing the same for Wheeling's growth today. For Wheeling has done its expansion west from Milwaukee Avenue along both sides of Dundee Road.

One has only to note the locations of the present and future village halls for evidence of this westward movement. At the moment village offices are at Dundee and Milwaukee.

Later this year, however, those offices will move to a new and larger village hall, also on Dundee Road, but much further west than the present one.

With a population hovering just under 1,000, the town appeared resigned and content with its size.

Then came the boom. Developers swooped down on the little village promising fantastic growth, soaring property values and climbing tax revenues.

And the boom was great for the village; great that is, until the first rain. At that point Wheeling noticed some of its new

subdivisions were built on flood plains. Ever since, the village has had to cope with flooding to a greater or lesser degree.

"With growth like what we had, you have problems you never expected," said Ted Scanlon, village president. "We became educated fast!"

Scanlon said that today no construction is allowed on flood plain areas unless the developer can show that potential flooding problems will be taken care of.

Wheeling is one of the few area villages to have flood plain ordinances and flood plain maps. It learned its lesson hard, but, hopefully, it learned it well.

YET, WHAT ABOUT the flooding that still occurs today? To this Scanlon said, "The solution appears to be a 107-acre retention basin north of the village." He said he expected the project to be built within a few years.

The same subdivisions that presented the flooding problems to Wheeling also re-

sulted in the village's rapid growth. Today more than 13,000 people live in Wheeling.

The subdivisions brought a new kind of person to Wheeling. In a sense the village became two villages. Long-time rural-oriented residents work, and shop with the new suburbanites.

As for Wheeling's people today, they are all types. In the last 10 to 15 years, the town has become one of the more cosmopolitan villages in the area. Blue collar workers, executives, migrant laborers all can be found in Wheeling.

And Wheeling will soon see more of another kind of resident: the apartment dweller. Two planned apartment developments are already slated for the village. And Scanlon sees one of those, the Mallard Lake development in the southwest part of the village, as a sparkplug for similar complexes.

"Our industrial park is no Centex," says Scanlon referring to Elk Grove's industrial

development, "but it's a fairly good one."

The Soo Line railroad tracks have boosted industrial development in the village. But industries requiring truck shipments to and from Chicago generally are loathe to locate in Wheeling because it falls outside of the Chicago metropolitan freight rate zone. "We're working on that," says Scanlon.

One big headache for Wheeling is the lack of public transportation, either to Chicago or to other villages. Naturally, Wheeling would like to see the Soo Line develop a commuter operation through Wheeling similar to that of the Chicago and North Western Railroad.

Scanlon said that he has discussed the plan informally with Soo Line officials. "Soo Line doesn't appear to be interested, though," he said. He sees federal funds as the only means of getting a commuter operation in Wheeling.

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Town's 1st Settler Arrived in 1833

by BARB O'REILLEY

Wheeling's history goes back much further than 1894, when it became incorporated into a village. In fact, the first settlers in the Wheeling area arrived about 60 years before then.

The first settler in Wheeling Township was a Mr. Sweet, who arrived in March, 1833. However, by present village boundaries, Wheeling's first resident was Joseph Filkins, who staked his claim in 1834 on what is now the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Route 68.

Filkins moved his family to Wheeling a year later. In 1836, he became the postmaster of the first Wheeling Post Office; the following year he opened a hotel.

WHEELING'S building boom came with the construction in 1835 of Milwaukee Road, now Milwaukee Avenue, which was the first mail and stage coach route between Chicago and Green Bay.

In 1837 a store was operated by Charles Daniels and Russell Wheeler. In 1838 there were two blacksmith shops, and shortly thereafter, a second hotel, two additional stores, a third blacksmith shop and a public school, erected in 1845.

The village of Wheeling was organized April 2, 1850. The first elections took place at the hotel of James Parker, and Wheeling's Precinct 1 became the first voting area in the township.

The first place of worship, the Congregational Church, was built in 1866. It had been organized, however, before the Civil War ended.

The town, by 1884, contained two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one brewery, one physician, a Lutheran church, and about 200 citizens. Most of the residents of Wheeling were German-Alsatian.

The townspeople found a need to incorporate in 1894 because of the "lawless strangers" who frequented the taverns located along Milwaukee Avenue, and because civic improvements were needed.

A petition was signed by 42 legal voters, requesting village incorporation. On June 19, 1894, a special election was held, with 43 votes for and three votes against a village organization.

A second election on July 17 gave Wheeling its first elected officials: Henry Boehmer, president; John Forke, Jacob Schwengel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender, J. A. Schminke, trustees; Louis Fischer, police magistrate; and W. R. Mundhenke, village clerk.

THREE WEEKS later the first village ordinance was passed, licensing the various hotels and dram shops which sold alcoholic beverages. The fee was set at \$500 per year, and with six applicants, the entire village budget was easily met.

At the turn of the century, Wheeling's 331 residents had a real community. Most people worked at the surrounding dairy farms. Entertainment consisted of local band concerts and Saturday night picnics.

The farmers delivered their milk by horse and wagon each morning to the Hen-

ry Boehmer Creamery, located on the lot now occupied by the Wheeling Farms Produce Store, 444 E. Dundee. Local residents could buy bulk milk in pails with slip covers by walking to the dairy.

The creamery made cheese, butter and ice cream, and it was the only source of dairy products in a wide area.

The first industry in the area was called "Uptadel's Pit." It manufactured cement blocks that were used in building many of the town's first structures.

Many of the buildings, such as Jensen's Ice Cream Parlor, are still standing today, and are in sturdy condition. The building was constructed by Albert Utpadel with cement blocks manufactured in the plant operated by the Utpadel family on their farm. The farm was adjacent to the land now occupied by Camp Dan Beard and used by the Boy Scouts.

The automobile brought families from the Chicago area to dine at the Milwaukee Road restaurants, which were famous for their German food. Electricity came to the village before World War I.

THE TELEPHONE first came to Wheeling in 1898, when it was initially shown on the old Chicago Telephone Company's toll department map as a new toll station.

Sometime in 1901, exchange service began to be furnished for this town of 331 persons, and two switchboards were reported in use by the end of that year.

Milwaukee Avenue returned to prominence in the 1920's, with the highway paved from Chicago to Dundee Road. The Wheeling taverns along the highway were quite popular during prohibition, and quite a few gambling raids were made along the "Milwaukee Strip," as it was called.

After World War II, the 1950 Wheeling census showed 916 residents. In 1955, the subdivision building boom began with the building of Dunhurst subdivision. To keep up with the increased housing and residents, industry and commerce started growing, and Wheeling today has many shopping centers, including four large supermarkets.

Scanlon Sees Little Growth Toward North

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Private transportation, more specifically traffic, is probably Wheeling's biggest single problem. Both Scanlon and Police Chief M. O. Horcher agree on this.

As Wheeling has grown toward the west, Dundee Road has remained the only east-west major traffic artery in the village. Officials hope the construction of the Lake-Cook Road just north of the village will take at least some of the traffic burden off Dundee.

As the situation stands now most of the village's shopping centers and businesses front on Dundee, a heavily traveled road with a speed limit of 45 m.p.h.

"Wheeling is about 50 per cent developed," says Scanlon. He predicts, rather boldly, that the remaining 50 per cent will be developed in another four years. Surprisingly, Scanlon says he does not expect the village to move north into Lake County in future annexations.

Neighboring Buffalo Grove has annexed into Lake County to such a degree in the last few years, that today, more than half its area lies in Lake County. Scanlon says this isn't the route for Wheeling.

Scanlon hopes the Diamond Jubilee will make the citizens more aware and interested in their village. John Koeppn, a village trustee and chairman of the Jubilee committee, has similar high hopes, though he will be satisfied if everyone, in his words, "just has a real good time."

Doubtlessly, everyone will have Koeppn's "real good time" at the Jubilee. Whether the more ambitious hopes of Koeppn and Scanlon will materialize, however, will remain a question for some time to come.

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But during prohibition, the "Milwaukee Strip," as it was called, was the gathering place for the Chicago crowd. And it's no wonder. Before prohibition, the sale of liquor licenses was about the only income of the village.

"PEOPLE FROM Chicago used to come out here to eat in all the German restaurants," says Adeline Schneider, a longtime Wheeling resident and a village clerk for 25 years.

"The village charged \$500 for liquor licenses. It was our only source of business," she added.

Merle Willis, director of the Wheeling Historical Society, points out that the old jail in the first village hall on Milwaukee

Avenue, now the historical museum, had a special purpose.

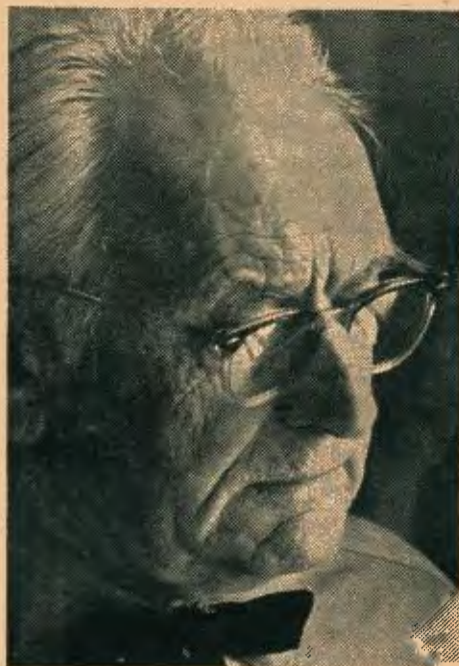
"It was called the sobering tank," Willis says. "They used to cart the drunks from the nearby taverns and let them spend the night here."

A few of the German restaurants still in operation had secretive back entrances during the 1920's. A phrase like "Joe sent me" was required for entrance, according to Willis.

Willis described the brew served in the places "self-rising potato juice with a dash of raisins to give it that zip."

MANY A SLOT MACHINE was carried out the back way of the restaurants along the "Strip." "The officials used to call ahead of time to give the people a chance to get ready for the raid," Willis said.

When some of the buildings were renovated the wiring in the back of the building led one to believe that there had been



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a bookie operation on the premises.

According to Miss Schneider, some of the farmers had their own distilleries. "They used hay as a blind for the distilleries," she said.

Before the "roaring 20's" were in sight, Wheeling already had a reputation for the brew.

AT THE TURN of the century the Periolat Brewing Co., located on Dundee Road, just east of Milwaukee Avenue, had a profitable business going. In 1901, it installed a new ice machine with a capacity of 25 tons per day. The brewing company spent about \$10,000 in new equipment that year.

'They used hay as a blind for the distilleries'

John Behm's saloon, located where Hackney's Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue now stands, was remodeled that same year. Behm had a modern glass front installed, and he painted the outside white and the inside Bavarian blue.

The Union Hotel, also on Milwaukee Avenue, was the sight of many a "grand ball." Tickets for the event, including lunch, were 50 cents.



"PEOPLE FROM CHICAGO used to come out here to eat in all the German restaurants," said Mrs. Adeline Schneider, a longtime Wheeling resident.



"I CAN'T SAY that I like Wheeling's fast growth," said Mrs. Merle Willis, who was born and raised in Wheeling. "It's progress all right, but in this case I don't welcome it."

Of course, Wheeling, like any other town, had its dull moments. On these occasions the Wheeling writer for the 1901 Cook County Herald would report "A crowd stood on the bridge last Sunday, watching the ice break up."

In the Jan. 19, 1901 Herald the writer reported, "Wheeling isn't dead yet, only sleeping."

And a month later, the reporter wrote, "Wheeling isn't dead yet. If it keeps on, it will soon wake up."

As can readily be seen, Wheeling has awakened. And without taking the time for so much as a yawn, it has grown "too fast," said Mrs. Merle Willis, who was born and raised in Wheeling.

"I can't say that I like Wheeling's fast growth," Mrs. Willis said. "It's progress all right, but in this case I don't welcome it."

MRS. WILLIS WAS A student at Wheeling's first two-room school, which included all eight grades. It was located where the Kroger Store now stands, on Dundee Road at Milwaukee Avenue.

She can remember the rattlesnake hunts in Wheeling which were written up all over the nation.

"They used to catch quite a few, especially along the Des Plaines River," she said.

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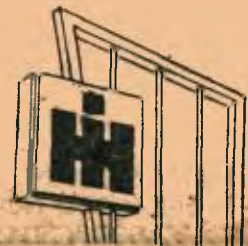
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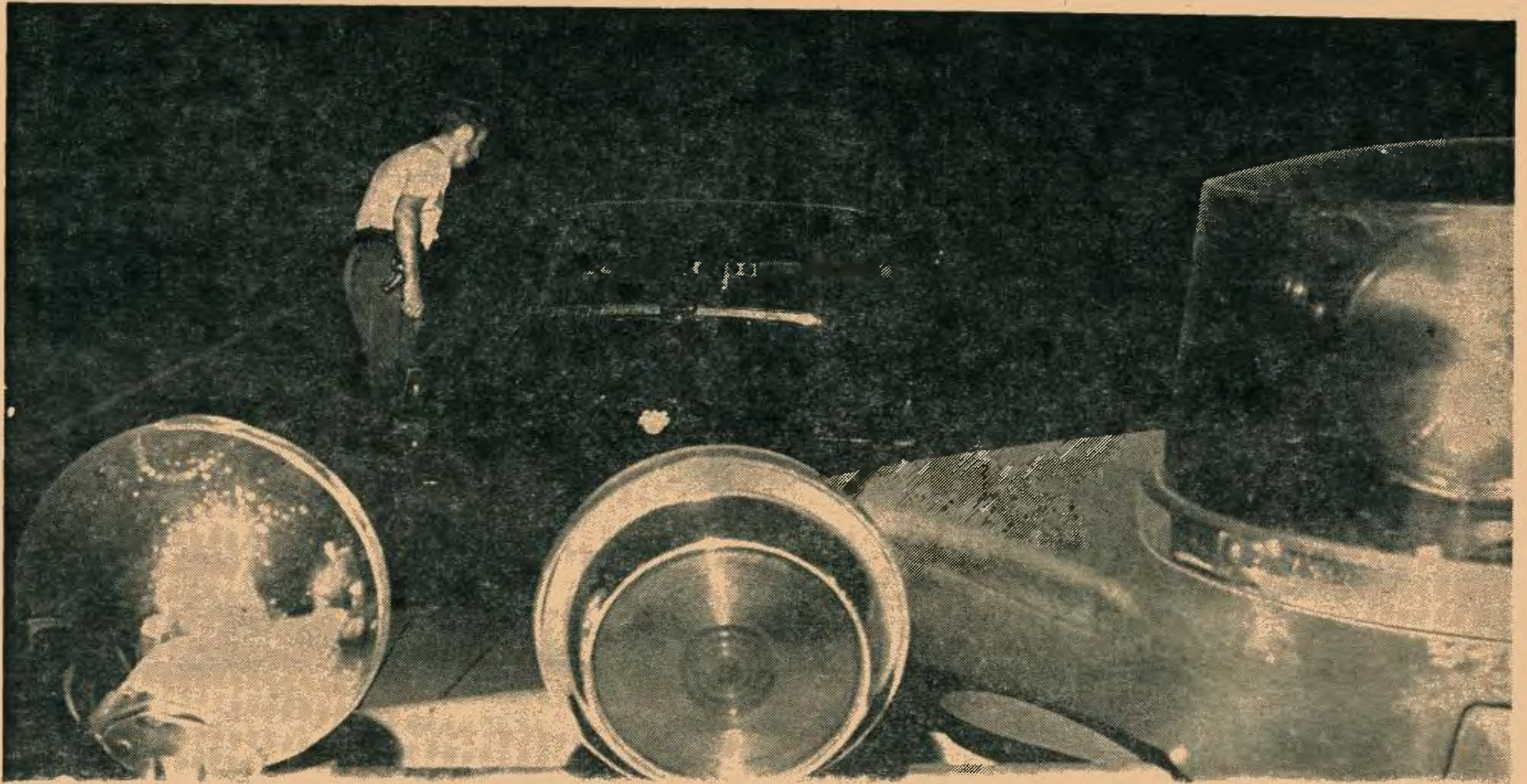
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Traffic Biggest Headache for Police

by ANNE SLAVICEK

Wheeling's traffic congestion provides the police department with its biggest headache says Wheeling Police Chief M. O. Horcher. "And the problem is going to get worse before it gets better," he adds.

Horcher's reflections on the problems his men face now and the ones they expect to face in the future tell a lot about the future of the rest of the village.

A member of Wheeling's Police Department for 18 years, and its chief for 14 of those years, Horcher has the experience to make solidly based observations.

"We need a traffic engineering study. There are very few places in our community safe for pedestrians, and there are few adequate crosswalks," he explains.

WHEELING'S TRAFFIC problems will not be solved until such peripheral highways as the Lake-Cook Road are built. These will move some of the "transient

traffic from the center of town," the chief says.

"There is no way to get from one end of town to the other without driving on a major street," he notes. "The Soo Line railroad tracks form a natural barrier to pedestrians." The track runs north and south dividing the village into two almost equal halves.

Eventually, however, Horcher thinks more village streets will be connected to one another, as the village continues to develop. And when this happens, internal traffic won't have to compete with the high speed traffic on Dundee, McHenry and Elmhurst roads, he points out.

Crime prevention and investigation, though a lesser problem for the village than its traffic situation, is nonetheless one of the department's major functions. "Wheeling has a higher incident rate than the surrounding villages, and the reasons are varied," he says.

One reason for the high number of incidents is a lack of family counseling and aid services, Horcher says. "We don't have the social services that many surrounding villages have; but because of our socio-economic status, we have a greater need for them," the chief explains.

"Family disputes should be handled by a professional family counseling service," he adds, "but if a family has a fight in Wheeling, they call the police, not their psychiatrist."

Title III counseling programs have enjoyed good results with those cases they have handled, but the village needs an agency to take care of greater numbers of counseling problems, says Horcher.

Greater youth involvement and more youth programs to keep teenagers busy are also needed to prevent crime, the chief explains. "We need programs to develop youth responsibility." "We hear too much about what should be provided for youth," he says, adding that programs and guidance are needed so teens in the village can develop their own responsibility.

HORCHER SEES drug abuse as only a minor problem in the village. He said the number of drug abuse reports in Wheeling has dropped this year. Horcher attributes this to increased awareness on the part of both adults and teenagers as to the dangers of drugs.

Another factor which may affect the number of police calls is the increasing number of apartment dwellings in the village. Horcher says it is too soon to predict whether apartment residents will demand greater or fewer police services, but he adds that the influx of additional people will doubtlessly increase the number of police calls.

In discussing Wheeling's crime situation, Horcher points out an interesting fact:

Most people arrested in Wheeling on criminal charges are not Wheeling residents. Moreover, most of the Wheeling residents that are charged with a criminal offense are arrested in towns other than Wheeling.

Horcher sees numerous changes coming in the department. Computers will help police cope with the more "mobile" criminal of today.

A new computer system already used by the Wheeling Police Department allows policemen to check on whether or not a car is stolen, and whether or not an offender is wanted on another charge or has a criminal record, all in a matter of seconds.

Horcher says that eventually the police will check all cars parked overnight at restaurants, taverns and motels through the new system.

IN THE FUTURE, Horcher says the department's job will grow more specialized and, at the same time, specialization of tasks within the department will increase.

"As we progress, fewer areas will be handled by the police when the true responsibility and accountability are identified," explains Horcher. As an example he said that citations for health violations, building code violations and enforcement of certain village ordinances will be handled by the appropriate village department.

Emergency situations will always be handled by the police, however, Horcher points out.

Specialization, too, will increase within the force. Already the department has personnel that deal specifically with such varied functions as youth problems and parking violations. "In the future, growth of the village and of the department will necessitate a variety of divisions, each spe-

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IN 12 YEARS Wheeling will have full-time fire department, Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen predicts.

Firemen Increase

by ANNE SLAVICEK

Wheeling's fire department has come a long way in the 75 years since Uetz Christ was the first chief, and the men passed buckets hand-to-hand to fight the village's fires.

This year the fire department has its first full-time chief, Bernie Koeppen. And, soon to be added to the department are three full-time firemen. Koeppen says he hopes to double that number next year.

BUT THE VILLAGE'S 75-year-old volunteer department still has a long way to go in becoming a full-time department, Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen admits.

Just as they did 75 years ago, volunteers form the backbone today of the town's fire department. And the link between the fire-fighters of 1894 and 1969 is even stronger. Bud Miller, the department's assistant chief, proudly points out Uetz Christ was his great great uncle.

Koeppen says the volunteers will eventually be replaced by a full-time, 36-man department in about 12 to 14 years as the village grows.

For the present, however, the three full-time men will serve to take the place of volunteers in answering minor fire alarms.

Fire protection for Wheeling will become even better when the new village hall is finished. For, after its completion, the village's public works department will move to the new hall, vacating its present building on the west side of the Soo Line railroad tracks. Two fire trucks will then be moved to the public works building.

One big concern of village fire department personnel has always been that a fire would break out west of the railroad tracks, and that fire trucks would be blocked from reaching the fire because of a train. When the two trucks are moved to the public works building, the problem will be solved.

THE CHIEF ALSO said recently that he expects the village will withdraw from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District sometime within the next three to five years. The district now collects taxes in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove and disperses them to the volunteer departments in exchange for their services in fighting fires. If Wheeling's department were to withdraw from the district, it could levy its own taxes.

One reason the village will remain in the fire district for at least a few more years is that two new trucks were recently bought for the village by tax funds from the entire district.

Wheeling's Population Hits 14,000

by BARB O'REILLEY

Most of the early Wheeling residents were German-Alsatian milk farmers. Today, the German descendants are still here, but they've been joined by more than 13,500 persons.

Wheeling's peak growth occurred in the late 1950's and early '60's. The population in 1950 was 916. It rose to 2,426 in 1956. In 1960 it increased to 7,169, and in 1964 it was 11,756. The present population is almost 14,000 residents.

This rapid growth was spurred by the development of the surrounding farmlands into subdivisions. The subsequent boom in commerce and industry resulted, in order to keep up with increased population.

The people in Wheeling can be described as young families, with an average of three children per family. Almost 50 per cent of the labor force are blue-collar workers. Smaller percentages are in the professional, technical managers, officers, and proprietor classifications.

The industries having a greater percentage of persons working in them are primarily construction, durable goods manufacturing, and wholesale and retail trade.

The one per cent unemployment of Wheeling's labor force is lower than other urban areas in Illinois.

It is a youthful community, with about 50 per cent of the population under the age of 20. The next largest age group is between the ages of 30 to 39. It comprises about 15 per cent of the community.

Women outnumber the men by about 150. The average age for men is 23. Women on the average are 22 years old.

The high percentage of married persons, 85 per cent of those over 14 years old, indicates a relative community stability because of the predominance of families.

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Wheeling Police 'Great Training' For Patrolmen

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cializing in one area of police work," Horcher predicts.

"Wheeling is a great training town," Horcher says. "The wide and varied activities and the smallness of the department give every man a chance to try his hand at just about everything."

Most of the village's policemen have had some college courses in criminology and police administration, though none has received a college degree yet.

The department will see more college graduates apply for police jobs in the future because of the higher police salaries, "provided the cost of living does go on spiraling," the chief claims.

SEVERAL WOMEN have applied recently for a job on the force, and Horcher admits he is not averse to the idea of women on the police department rolls.

One police problem which the chief says must be solved by the state rather than by local authorities is the lack of a local felony court. Presently Wheeling policemen spend much of their time traveling to courts either in Chicago or in other towns than Wheeling, ferrying prisoners and witnesses.

An unfortunate side effect of the lack of a local court is that prosecutors are not readily available to the village residents. Also, legal questions that prosecutors should answer are instead being handled, frequently, by the police, Horcher says.

On a more optimistic note, the chief notes the attitude on the part of village residents toward the police department is improving. "Notably," he says, "a great many citizens became involved when the police were negotiating for the high wages they recently got approved by the village board."

"People are also becoming more receptive to a policeman's authority, partly because they seek law and order in society, and partly because more and more people are being victimized by the antiquated law processes of courts and jails which hamper the policeman in his work," Horcher concludes.

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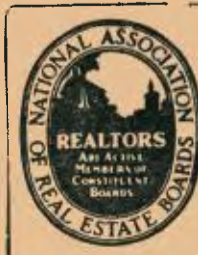
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FIRST VILLAGE OFFICIALS

were elected July 17, 1894 after the citizens had voted June 19 to incorporate the village: President Henry Boehmer; Trustees John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender and J. A. Schminke; Police Magistrate Louis Fischer; Village Clerk W. R. Mundhenke.



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FIRST VILLAGE HALL

erected in 1897 was used as Village Hall, Police Station, Public Works building, and Fire Department. (The fire engine was purchased in 1904 for \$450 and used until 1925. Previous firefighting facilities consisted of one hand pumper and one fireplug.) Today the Village Hall serves as the headquarters and museum of the Wheeling Historical Society.



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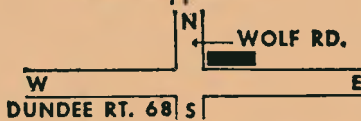
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were elected July 17, 1894 after the citizens had voted June 19 to incorporate the village: President Henry Boehmer; Trustees John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender and J. A. Schminke; Police Magistrate Louis Fischer; Village Clerk W. R. Mundhenke.



FIRST COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE

was the tavern-hotel built by Mr. Joseph Filkins in 1837. The building was the site of Wheeling's first postoffice and meeting place and served as a regular coach stop for the stage from Chicago to Milwaukee. Located halfway between Chicago and the expanding area to the North and Northwest, Wheeling was the logical place for travelers to stop for their mid-day rest and refreshment.



FIRST VILLAGE HALL

erected in 1897 was used as Village Hall, Police Station, Public Works building, and Fire Department. (The fire engine was purchased in 1904 for \$450 and used until 1925. Previous firefighting facilities consisted of one hand pumper and one fireplug.) Today the Village Hall serves as the headquarters and museum of the Wheeling Historical Society.



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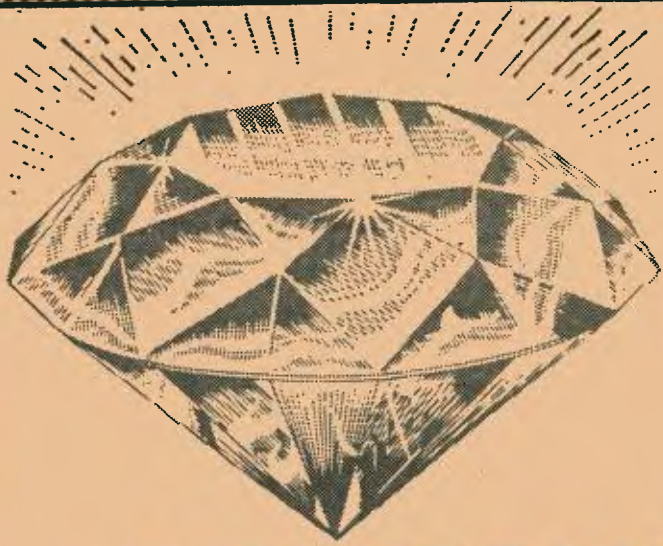
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District 21 Serves Area Youngsters

BY SUE CARSON

"Our greatest educational task is to adequately teach children who must live in the unknown world of the future," states Kenneth Gill, superintendent of Wheeling-Buffalo Grove school Dist. 21.

Eight elementary schools now serve the 16 square miles that encompass Dist. 21. Schools nine and 10, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Booth Tarkington, are scheduled to open in the fall. Construction on the district's third junior high school, James Fenimore Cooper, is scheduled to begin in September.

To prepare these children to live in the world of the future, the district has instituted a sophisticated curriculum, aimed at developing the interests of all children.

"The district is attempting to cater to the whole child and his various interests," said Miss Marjorie Beu, director of instruction for the district. "We also want to provide a unified curriculum, that will enable the child to progress smoothly from one grade to another."

Special music and physical education teachers provide specialized instruction at all grade levels. At the junior high school level, special art and Spanish instructors teach these subjects.

Kindergartners and some first grade students participate in the motor facilitation program, aimed at developing muscle coordination.

"Teachers have discovered that the children in this program gradually increase their attention span in the classroom, as well," stated Miss Beu.

Students at the junior high level may receive the aid of a guidance counselor in coping with schoolwork or personal problems. Six social workers provide guidance counseling to elementary school children.

The District also provides a speech therapy program. Six speech therapists test all first grade children for possible speech problems and re-test those in higher grades who have already participated or are new to the district.

Special developmental reading teachers assist those children at all grade levels who are not reading to their greatest capacity. The children attend regular classes, but spend part of the day receiving extra help in reading from one of the special teachers.

Dist. 21 does not neglect its handicapped children either. The district is a member of the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO), sponsored by high school Dists. 211 and 214 and the elementary school districts that are included in them.

Dist. 21 conducts the NSSEO program for blind students at the Jack London and Mark Twain Schools. The NSSEO program for the educable mentally handicapped and the NSSEO learning disabilities program are also conducted in Dist. 21 schools.

The Dist. 21 summer school program has been in operation for the past five years. Approximately 1,800 youngsters participated in the four-week program this past summer. Included in the summer school curriculum was an intensive study program in language arts and mathematics. Review classes in reading and mathematics and an enrichment program, that included the study of art, music and drama were also offered.

"The goal of this enrichment program is to stimulate children to ask 'why' and give them a chance to participate in projects they wouldn't have time for in the regular school year," explained Miss Beu.

This past summer, for example, these students wrote, directed, designed sets and costumes and acted in their own musical show.

Innovation in the field of education is actively promoted in Dist. 21. Pilot programs have been started at several schools by the principal and teachers, with Miss Beu's approval.



KENNETH GILL, superintendent of Dist. 21, marked his 10th anniversary with the district last June. During his decade as superintendent, enrollment in the district schools jumped from 1,000 to 7,000.

Last year, for example, Walt Whitman School piloted a non-graded team teaching program. In the program, three Whitman teachers were assigned to a group of approximately 100 children.

The teachers set up a rotation system whereby each taught a different subject.

"The advantage of this system is that they are exposed to a variety of different teaching methods. They can also be taught each subject by a teacher who may be especially knowledgeable in that field," said Miss Beu.

Team teaching will be instituted at the school again this fall, but the program will be graded. In other words, one team of teachers will be in charge of a group at a single grade level.

Eugene Field School will also pilot a team teaching program in grades four through six.

This September, Holmes Junior High School will start a program under which half the students will not receive report cards. Instead, the youngsters will set their own goals and progress at individual rates. The teachers will evaluate their progress.

In three of the elementary schools, Sandburg, Twain and Tarkington, children entering kindergarten will be tested to determine their maturity. They will then be grouped accordingly into one of three classes. Students at the upper grade levels in Dist. 21 however, are grouped heterogeneously except in mathematics and reading classes.

What lies ahead for Dist. 21? Enrollment is presently growing at about 1,500 students a year. A survey to project future enrollment conducted recently predicted that attendance would eventually top off at about 20,000. The survey estimated that 33 school buildings would be needed to provide for that number of children.

Gill, however, thinks that this estimate is somewhat high, and feels that adequate land is not available in the area to build so many additional buildings.

Stated Gill, "Wheeling residents have always thought of their schools confidently as 'Rocks of Gibraltar.' We plan to try our hardest to keep it that way."



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Wheeling Is Proud Of WHS

Instructors at Wheeling High School take over the task of providing a sound education where parochial and Dist. 21 teachers leave off.

Completed in 1964, the modern high school at the corner of Elmhurst and Hintz roads will enroll approximately 2,450 students this fall, who will be taught by a staff of 135 teachers.

"WHS is extremely proud of the way the residents of the community have consistently identified and worked with the high school staff and students," stated Tom Shirley, WHS principal. "As a result of their continued interest and support of the school's activities, Wheeling has a high school of which it can be proud."

The school has time and again turned out outstanding athletic teams and the Wheeling High School Band has on many occasions brought honor to the school.

Last summer, the band captured a second place award for over-all excellence at the Virginia Beach Band Festival. Each summer from 1965 to 1968 the band performed at the Minneapolis Aquatennial. In 1965 the group won the Championship High School Band Award there and in 1966, the Grand Championship.

In 1968, the jazz band won the grand championship trophy in the ninth annual Chicagoland State Band Festival.

WHS hosts the Chicagoland Marching Band Festival each year, as well as the North Suburban District Science Fair.



WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL BAND has brought much recognition to the school because of its outstanding performances in state and nationwide musical contests.

An evening program for returning high school dropouts was started at the school in 1965, and last spring, 26 persons received high school diplomas through the program.

The WHS Community Scholarship Foundation was started in 1966, and is an excellent example of the interest taken in education by local residents. The independent organization has sponsored several fund-raising projects to provide scholarship money to deserving students who want to enroll in some type of advanced

training program or go on to college.

Future plans for WHS include the construction of a new swimming pool to be started in the next few months and completed next year.

"We are proud of the close cooperation between the high school and the Wheeling Park District that has made the construction of this pool possible," stated Shirley.

The new pool will be built by the Wheeling Park District and rented to the school.

This fall the Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program will begin at WHS. Approximately 110 boys have signed up to participate in the three-year program, designed to aid the students to become better informed on national security matters and the role played by the Navy.

at WHS is modular scheduling, slated to be put into practice this fall. Under the plan, the school day will be divided into eight periods, rather than seven as had been the case in previous years. Each of these periods will be divided into two "mods." Teachers will be free to use these "mods" as they wish, and some will un-

doubtedly let their students use the time for free study or for viewing slides and films.

"The plan is an attempt to make the high school program more like that followed at the college level," explained Clarence Miller, assistant WHS principal. "The students will have more time for individual study, and eventually we hope to have seminar rooms and a film room where students could come in their free time and view educational movies."

"Modular scheduling will be an exciting challenge. It will make learning periods more flexible and place more of the burden for learning on the student," stated Shirley.

"I'm looking forward to a future educational program that shifts the responsibility of learning to the students, who would utilize teachers as resource people. And I also hope that students will become more and more involved in the operation of the school and the community," he added.

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ROLLER SKATING sessions have been a popular pastime among young and old alike in Dist. 21. The sessions are sponsored by the Illinois Center for Community Education Development under Title III.

Title III Utilizes 'Schoolhouse' Plan

by SUE CARSON

In bygone days, the little red schoolhouse often was the center for all educational and recreational activities in a community.

Today, this concept has been revived in School Dist. 21 with the advent of the Illinois Center for Community Education Development.

"The two key words in community education are involvement and utilization," said David Lechner, director of the center. "The idea is to involve as many people as possible in identifying and meeting the social, recreational and educational needs of the community."

The various community service programs administered by the center were set up in the fall of 1967. They include such projects as a Young Adult Education Program, mental health clinic and some 36 recreational programs encompassing such activities as roller skating, golf and flower arranging.

Initial identification of these needs had been made several years before the programs were set up by various community action study groups. The most recent of these was TORCH (The Organization Representing Community Hopes).

When Dist. 21 received a three-year \$350,000 federal grant in July, 1967, comprehensive programs for meeting these needs could be put into operation.

The funds were granted by the United States Office of Education under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Additional funding for the programs are obtained from local sources — the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Youth Commission, Wheeling Park District, River Trails Park District, Wheeling Township and School Districts 21, 23 and 214.

During the first year of operation, \$150,000 in federal money was used to finance the programs, and \$5,000 was contributed at the local level.

During the second year, federal funding amounted to \$100,000 and local funding to \$50,000.

In the current fiscal year, local funds make up 62 per cent of the budget, or \$103,000. Federal funds amount to \$75,000.

Eventually, the programs are to be funded entirely at the local level, according to Lechner.

Designation by the state as the Illinois Center for Community Education Development early this year may give the program added prestige and increase its ability to raise funds, although the designation itself will result in no special function.

The program has also been recognized by the Mott Foundation of Flint, Mich. The foundation was instrumental in starting a community education program in that city and has helped other communities throughout the nation to start similar community education programs.

The foundation works through intermediary organizations. The intermediary organization for Dist. 21 is Ball State University. Educators from Ball State conduct workshops and seminars in Dist. 21 throughout the year in the area of community education.

Currently four Title III projects are operating which are aimed at improving education in the area.

In the Young Adult Education program are 100 high school dropouts, mostly from the Dist. 214 area. The program gives young men and women between 17 and 24 who have dropped out of high school a second chance to earn their diplomas.

Fifteen-week evening courses are taught during the school year at Wheeling High School. Such courses as American history, English literature and drafting are offered.

Last spring, 26 persons graduated from

the program and received their high school diplomas.

Junior high schoolers from Dists. 21 and 23 plus three parochial schools participate in the practical arts program also conducted during the school year at WHS. In a typical semester, over 300 children have attended the program, which is conducted after school hours. It gives them training in home economics and industrial arts. None of the junior high schools in the area have the facilities to provide these courses.

Four adult education classes in Spanish, English for Spanish-speaking people, welding and woodshop are also offered, and the WHS library is also open in the evenings to the general public under Title III.

In the area of social services, a mental health clinic was started at WHS for residents of Dist. 214. Trained psychologists, counselors and a social worker attempt to diagnose and treat persons with emotional problems. The clinic is open two evenings a week and on Saturday, for a total of 11 hours per week.

A volunteer service corps has also been organized to help local families who need help with shopping, babysitting, transportation and similar activities. A tutoring program is also operating, in which Wheeling high schoolers help elementary school students.

The recreational programs set up under Title III have proved to be the most popular, according to Lechner. Some 23,681 people participated in some segment of it during its first year of operation, and the number has increased each year.

A new step in the community education program is scheduled to begin this fall at the new Henry Wadsworth Longfellow School in neighboring Buffalo Grove. New community programs are to start at the school based on the requests of area residents.

"The programs started at the school will be open to all Dist. 21 residents, but it is hoped that the school will become a center for community activity for residents of the Longfellow attendance area particularly," Lechner stated.

Two Catholic Schools

Providing a sound parochial education to Catholic students in Wheeling is the task of St. Joseph the Worker School. The school on Dundee Road opened in September of 1959, nine months after the new St. Joseph the Worker Church next door was completed.

Seven nuns and eight lay teachers last year taught 401 students in grades one through eight. There was some fear earlier in the year that one or more of the grades would have to be discontinued because of a shortage of funds, but the St. Joseph congregation gave additional money to the school, and, with a tuition raise, the school will continue to operate as usual this fall.

"I was gratified by the strong support shown by the congregation for the school," stated the Rev. George Mulcahey, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Church. "They have always taken an active interest in providing a sound education for their children."

St. Mary's School in Buffalo Grove also serves portions of Wheeling.

The school was dedicated in 1947 and at that time served students in grades one through six. In 1949 an eight-room addition to the school was built, and eight more classrooms were completed in 1954. A junior high school was started in the 1960's.

Student enrollment at St. Mary's has grown steadily since 1947, when 300 youngsters attended the school. Today over 800 Catholic children in the community attend school there.

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Wheeling Politics

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3-1 in the village election. That was the same year that saw Ted Scanlon become Wheeling's 14th village president. Scanlon served his term in office and then won reelection last April in an unopposed race.

There is some evidence now that Wheeling is Ted Scanlon's town. The heyday of Jimmy Stavros as a political force in the community has declined significantly, although he was back to help run the Wheeling Jubilee festivities and play a part in last April's election when a surprise write-in candidate appeared.

Surprisingly, Scanlon did not place first in the number of ballots cast for candidates last April. That honor went to Trustee John Koepfen, a fact which apparently miffed Scanlon.

Although generalities are never wholly accurate, Scanlon's most vocal adversary is Trustee Ira Bird.

The composition of the board of trustees during the last election was largely determined by the mayor, but Bird was not up for reelection at that time. If he had been, he would no doubt have had to run on his own ticket.

THE MOST recent twist to local politics has been the initiation of the village manager system, a device used by most small municipalities to get a measure of professional management in village government.

Wheeling's first venture into the manager arena is generally considered to have been a disaster.

Curt E. Olsen, the man from Walden, N.Y., came to Wheeling as the first village manager. He ran into a political fiefdom of old time alliances. This, coupled with a personality which clashed like cymbals with the community, brought the whole is-

sue of a village manager into the political arena.

Ira Bird fought for a time to retain Olsen. Scanlon and the majority of the board voted to end the experiment. Wheeling has been without a village manager since Olsen left in the spring.

The board, however, has sought a replacement for Olsen, and has several applicants for the post.

The manager type system of government will be up for voter approval again one year from now. It is sure to mark a major milestone in the politics of the town.

It is generally assumed that Scanlon will make a bid at that time for a full time mayor's post. Schaumburg and Des Plaines already have such positions so it is not unprecedented.

As recently as last month, Scanlon talked of having a team of professionals, a full-time mayor and a village manager to fulfill the needs of the community. If that question comes before the voters, the opposition is expected to be heavy. Whether it will be heavy enough to stop the move, no one can say.

Political arenas are sometimes bitter places, political power is not an easy thing to wrest from the incumbents. Through it all, each man who held office in Wheeling contributed in some way to the community.

The exuberance of Jimmy Stavros, the quick instincts of Ted Scanlon or the stubborn tenacity of Ira Bird does not comment on their contributions to the village, which are many.

Very soon the members of the village government will move to handsome new quarters on Dundee Road. If Henry Bohmer were around, he would smile. From Wilcox's Tavern to Dundee road lie three generations of elections lost and won.



WHEELING'S public school stood opposite the Community Presbyterian Church on Dundee Road in 1915. Two instructors taught grades one through

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New People Spur Growth

by SUE CARSON

A phenomenal jump in population has characterized the Village of Wheeling in recent years. A small semi-rural community of only 6,500 only 10 years ago, Wheeling today has a population approaching 14,000, mainly because of a steady stream of new residents.

Who are the new people? Why do they settle in Wheeling and how do they like it?

MRS. MARY MURPHY of the Wheeling Welcome Wagon estimated that she makes 15 or 20 calls a month to new residents.

According to Mrs. Murphy, most of them are young married couples with children. They usually purchase homes, rather than settling in apartments. About half the newcomers are from Chicago, the rest move in from other states, she noted.

TYPICAL OF new Wheeling residents are Delores and William Moore, who live at 652 S. Wayne.

The Moores moved to Wheeling two years ago from Chicago. They now live in a comfortable one-story frame house only a few blocks from Mark Twain Elementa-

ry School and Wheeling High School with their two children, John, 2, and Sarah, three months.

"We really love it here," Mrs. Moore stated. "We lived in Chicago for several years and when we moved out we didn't know our Chicago neighbors any better than when we moved in," she recalled. "Out here, we had met all our neighbors within two weeks."

She and her husband decided to make the move when Moore, who works for the Unimatic Company, was transferred to a new plant in Des Plaines.

"Wheeling has a small town atmosphere and friendliness with the shopping advantages of a big town," Mrs. Moore added. She said the only complaint she has with the area was that there aren't enough activities provided for young people.

"I'd like to see a regular movie house and a bowling alley built nearby. It would give the teenagers somewhere to go in the evenings," she said.

Four-month residents of Wheeling are John and Elaine McDermott and their five children. The McDermotts moved to the town from Detroit after he accepted a job in the Chicago area.

"The people around here are all very friendly," Mrs. McDermott said. She said the family had been happy with the area so far, and has especially enjoyed swimming in the pool this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Chmura have lived in Wheeling one year. Like many newcomers, the Chmuras, moved to the town from Chicago. The Chmuras have three older children, two sons, Warren and Larry, and a married daughter, Faith, who lives in Northbrook.

Mrs. Chmura said she and her husband had visited Wheeling for several years to see friends and relatives. They never expected to settle in the area, she claimed, until they "fell in love" with a house that was for sale at 926 Beverly. On an im-

FRIENDLINESS AND good shopping facilities are two advantages of living in Wheeling, according to Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, seen here with their son, John. The family moved to Wheeling two years ago from Chicago when Moore was transferred to a new office in Des Plaines.

pulse, they decided to buy it, a decision they have never regretted.

Both mentioned the lack of public transportation as a drawback to living in the area.

"We own a car, but it would be nice if bus service were provided more often to the shopping centers," Mrs. Chmura said. "It must be hard for elderly people and teenagers who don't have access to a car."

"I also wish Wheeling had a theatre other than just the drive-in. It would give the teenagers somewhere to go."

Lee and Lillian Watts and their two daughters, Janice, 13, and Sandra, 10, live in a two-story red brick home in the new Highland Glen subdivision in Wheeling.

Janice is a student at Jack London Junior High School and Sandra attends Eugene Field School.

The family moved into their newly-completed home last February from New York, where they had lived for one year. Previous to that time, they had lived in California for 15 years.

"We all like Wheeling," said Mrs. Watts. "The stores and the schools are very good. But I think there is something nice to be said for all parts of the country."

"I've found that the people in this area have pretty much the same attitudes and ideas," commented Watts. "It's probably due to the fact that most seem to have lived in the Chicago area for a long time. In California there was a greater variety of attitudes and opinions, since the people settling there came from all parts of the country."

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hessler moved to Wheeling four months ago from Chicago. They also live in the new Highland Glen subdivision.

Mrs. Hessler said she and her husband decided to settle in Wheeling because they like the house and the general area.

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Industry In Wheeling Mushrooming

by BARB O'REILLEY

Industry in Wheeling started in a gravel pit at the turn of the century.

Today, industry has mushroomed into industrial parks, including almost 60 industries, manufacturing everything from guitars to spacecraft timing devices.

THE FIRST WHEELING industry, a gravel pit, owned by the Uptadel family, made the cement blocks that built many of the first buildings in the village.

Industrial growth in Wheeling progressed at a snail's pace until the 1930's when a few manufacturing plants located in the area.

From then, the industry grew slowly and steadily until about 1955.

Subdivisions started growing out of the cornfields. The population increased from 916 persons in 1950 to 7,164 in 1960, a fantastic increase. Since then, the increase has been definite, but not so startling. In 1965 the population was 1,756 and had increased to 13,685 by 1968.

The industrial growth mirrors the rate of population increase.

Starting in 1955, industrial plants have multiplied tremendously, and in the last five years, the number of industries has doubled.

Almost all of the industries on Mercantile Court, an industrial park north of Hintz Road, came within the last five years. The entire Central Wheeling Industrial Park is new, according to Ray Roach, industrial commission chairman.

PLANS ARE BEING made for a new industrial subdivision from the Soo Line railroad tracks to Hintz Road and south to Camp McDonald Road.

"The expansion and development of the area and the availability of industrial zoned land have certainly encouraged industries to locate here," Roach said.

Roach also pointed out that the good highways, the labor market and availability of housing, and the closeness to airports are some of the advantages Wheel-

ing offers to help industrial progress.

The only disadvantage of the area is that it is not located in the metropolitan freight rate zone.

The metropolitan freight rate is lower than the regular cost of shipping freight. Wheeling industrial parks compete with the Centex Industrial Park in Elk Grove Village, which is located in the metropolitan freight rate zone and can offer that advantage to potential industries.

Roach points out that Centex is no closer to the Chicago metropolitan area than Wheeling, but that the industrial commission and the village must make a case for the change in zoning before it will materialize.

Roach predicts that at some time in the future the rate will be changed, but only after effort is made.

ONE OF THE larger industries, Ekco Products, Inc., now the largest manufacturer of aluminum foil containers, originally formed its operation in March of 1955.

The location of Wheeling and Hintz Roads was selected because of the excellent combination of water facilities, railway siding, large expansion of acreage and a growing labor market.

The Ekco plant has expanded its facilities three times over the last 14 years to an overall of 425,000 sq. ft.

The company operates on a round the clock basis and employs more than 1,000 local men and women.

Ekco is a growth company with multiple product lines serving a variety of markets. One of its latest moves is in the area of plastics and packaging machinery.

Another large industry in the area is Martin Metals Division, Martin Marietta Corp., located at 250 N. Twelfth St.

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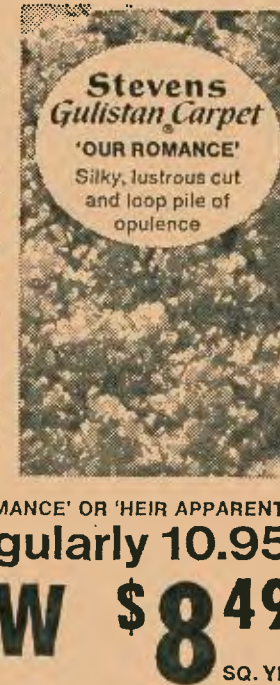
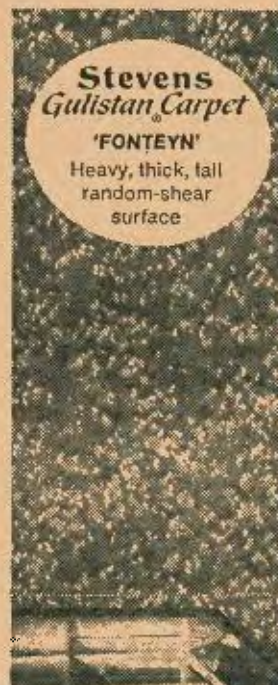
"Our products are in gas turbines of many advanced airplanes, helicopters, trucks, ships, and industrial power plants," Cadieux said, "and we are contin-

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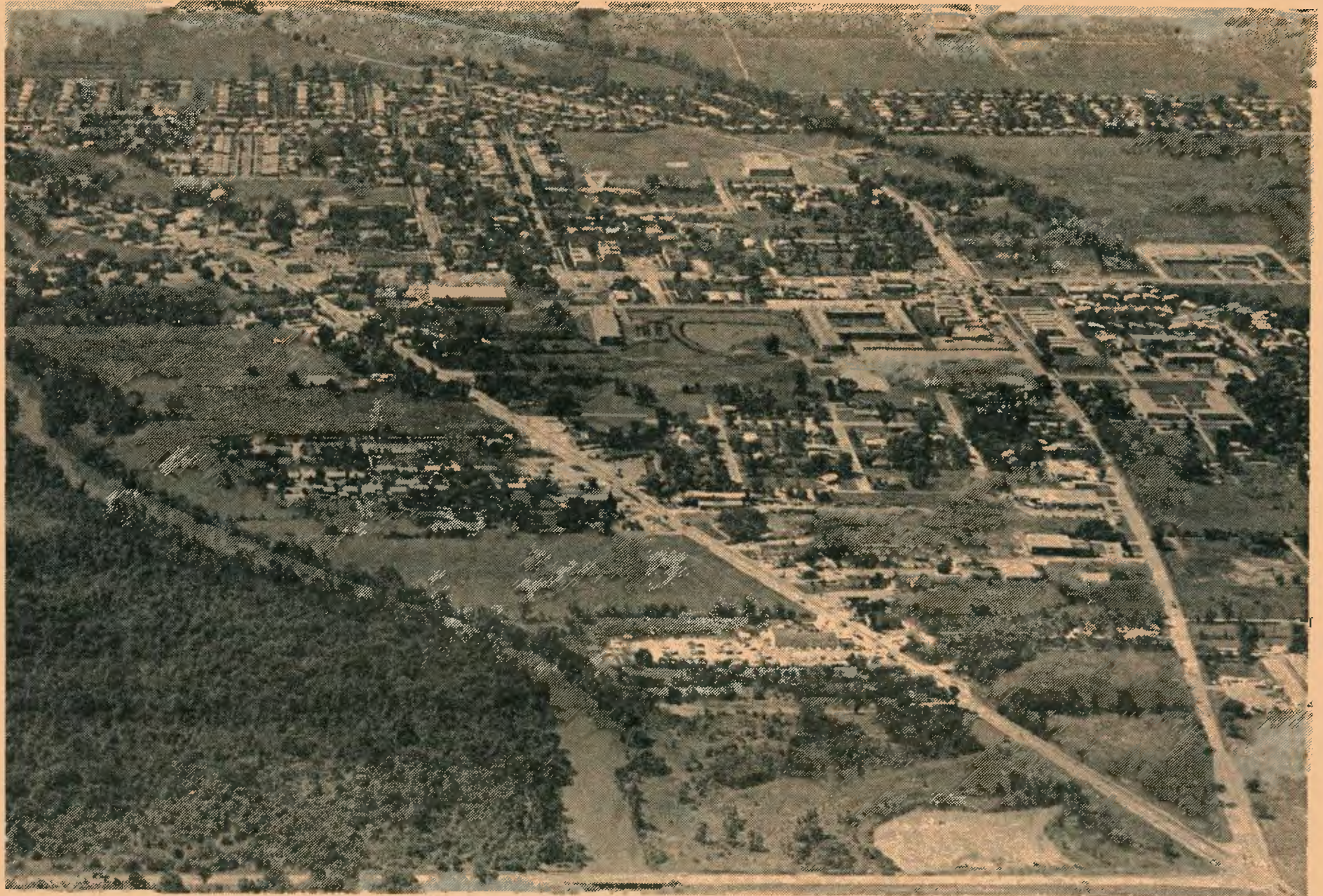


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WHEELING'S MILWAUKEE AVENUE has come a long way since it was lined with blacksmith's shops and hotels in the early 1800's. Now the village development has spread to the west as this recent aerial photo shows. Milwaukee Avenue, beginning at the bottom right edge of the picture runs to the south diagonally across the picture. Dundee Road, now the major street in the village runs across the picture about two-thirds of the way up from the bottom.

More Growth In Wheeling's Future

by ANNE SLAVICEK

Wheeling may be 75 years old as a town, but as a Chicago suburb the village still has a lot of growing to do.

Helping the village to grow, and protecting it from unscrupulous developers or

preventable natural pitfalls is the job of the village board with the help of the plan commission and zoning board.

Although no board, commission or citizens group can control the village's development completely, it is the job of the

elected trustees, appointed officials and interested citizens to guide the growth and development of that village as much as possible.

In 1579 Pere Marquette was flooded out of his campsite on the northern border of what is now Chicago. Ever since, villages such as Wheeling that lie north of Chicago have been faced with the sorry results of building homes on flood plains.

Wheeling has done something about the flooding problem, and its problems may soon be at an end with the construction of retention basins within the next few years.

Even after the basins are complete, the planners and trustees will have to make sure new construction does not increase the load on the village's already bulging streams.

Wheeling also faces the need for low cost housing for semi-skilled and unskilled workers employed by village industries.

Melvin Lace, plan commission vice chairman, says the village will become a "community of all kinds of people eventually."

While encouraging developers to meet the demand for low cost housing in the Wheeling area, however, the planners will also have to consider the esthetics of the buildings, construction standards and the ability of the school district to cope with the influx of children.

Wheeling's planners will have to walk a narrow line in seeking well-built, low-cost housing for its growing labor force.

Another problem the planners face is the traffic within the village. Lace explains that planners are concerned primarily with safety.

Lace notes three general principles the village planners must follow when reviewing street plans: First, traffic must be routed so as to avoid areas where children

walk to school; second, children should not have to cross any more streets on the way to school than is absolutely necessary; third, traffic should be routed along streets best able to cope with it.

Planners must also see that subdivision areas are easily accessible by street. At the same time they must be sure the streets are not laid out so as to encourage more traffic than is acceptable for a residential area.

Modern planners consider the grid pattern of streets crossing one another at 90-degree angles unacceptable in residential areas today. Curving streets carry a certain esthetic value, though admittedly they aren't efficient in allowing traffic to move.

THE VILLAGE planners must attempt, then, to weave the various subdivisions and developments together. Lace notes that one of the problems the various boards face is that few subdivisions follow the same pattern of street design and the village becomes a conglomeration of a variety of ideal plans. While each of the plans might be ideal if used uniformly throughout the village, in scattered sections they can be a nightmare for travelers in the village.

Ideally, Lace says, major village traffic will be carried eventually by the cross streets which can handle it. More streets will stretch across the village so traffic can be facilitated without children being jeopardized.

Another area of traffic flow which greatly affects children is the need for sidewalks throughout the village. The plan commission and the village board currently ask for sidewalks within all new developments. A massive program to add

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Village Planners

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additional sidewalks throughout the village looms in the near future. If Wheeling is to be a unified village, there must be sidewalks for pedestrian traffic, the planners feel.

Another form of transportation, rapid transit to and from the village, remains far in the future. Wheeling now lacks any form of rapid public transportation either to Chicago, or to other suburbs.

THE POSSIBILITY of a subway to the village or commuter trains incorporated into the Golf-Rand expressway will remain a dream if the villages have to finance it. With federal aid, however, the village may one day have access to mass transit facilities which many of the larger Northwest Suburbs now enjoy.

A sidelight to the discussion on transportation and accessibility is the self-contained units which seem to evolve in some areas of the village. Even new residents of Wheeling soon learn to say "I live in Dunhurst" or "Meadowbrook" or "the old part of town."

While some might worry that such sectionalism might divide the village into factions and keep Wheeling from becoming a cohesive town, Lace disagrees.

He notes that planners find nothing wrong with having names of sections within a community because it gives a sense of identification and group integrity to those who belong. Lace says that professional planners compare the clanishness found in modern subdivisions to the ethnic colonies which formed in Chicago. Like Rogers Park, Uptown, or Andersonville, the subdivision names will endure for several generations after the development is complete, Lace believes.

Transportation is also important in overcoming the sectionalism caused by the railroad tracks and strip of industry which divide the village's west and east halves.

More roads crossing the tracks to connect the town's residential sections are a goal for the village board.

LOOKING TO THE future, the greatest change in the village landscape will be apartments. Two planned development complexes already being considered by the village for approval are the Mallard Lake development north east of Hintz and Buffalo Grove roads and Hollywood Apart-

ments, west of the Soo Line tracks and north of McHenry Road. These two complexes will increase the village's population by more than 30 per cent.

Within several years, half the village residents may be apartment dwellers. "In the long run," Lace says, a 60 per cent apartment, 40 per cent single-family residence breakdown would probably be "ideal for stability." However, Lace fears the percentage will end up being more heavily weighted toward apartments than the acceptable figure of 60 per cent.

The coming of apartments could change the complexion of the village in a number of ways. Should the apartments be expensive ones, they would probably attract older people. Should they have low rents, they will attract the young couples.

Because the village does not allow construction of any three-bedroom apartments, the new buildings fall short of providing a solution to the low cost housing problem.

One thing for sure: The new apartments would benefit Dist. 21 because of added tax dollars with a lower proportional number of children.

Wheeling's high percentage of young children will drop proportionately with the apartment influx, predicts Lace. He expects the average family size to drop from its present 4.2 family members to 3.6 or 3.2.

Apartments may have another positive side according to planner's studies, because they do not waste as much space as single-family homes. Studies have also shown that living in a single-family home does not necessarily increase family and community ties, so fears of transient apartment dwellers may prove to be unfounded.

In the modern age with elaborate new homes and space age apartment cubicles, Wheeling's officials are not forgetting her heritage however.

Village President Ted C. Scanlon proposed an "appearance commission" during the last campaign. The commission, made up of architects and citizens, would strive to maintain a continuity of design in the village, to blend Wheeling's modern buildings with the older ones. When the commission becomes a reality, and with the help of planners devoted to keeping Wheeling's personality, the town will be assured of retaining its cultural heritage.



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Area Churches Building Additions

by SUE CARSON

Strong and thriving are the many churches of the Wheeling area. Several congregations have recently built new churches or additions to accommodate growing congregations or are planning building projects in the near future.

Most of the local churches were started in the late 1950's or early 1960's, although three were organized more than 100 years ago.

The oldest church in the Wheeling area is North Northfield United Methodist, organized in 1837. It is located at the corner of Dundee and Saunders roads in Northbrook, just a short distance outside the village limits of Wheeling.

The history of the church actually began in 1834, when a young man named Daniel Stanger migrated to the Wheeling area in search of followers for the Evangelical United Brethren Church. A small number of his followers came soon afterwards, and in the summer of 1837, a class of 28 heard the Rev. Jacob Boas preach the first sermon in Stanger's home.

The first church building was dedicated in 1839, one-half mile east of Dundee and Saunders roads.

Five other sanctuaries were later built to house an ever-growing congregation. The latest was dedicated in 1959.

The Rev. Philip Burke Jr. is now the pastor of the church. Last year the denomination united with the Methodists, and the church is now known as the North Northfield United Methodist Church.

Confirmed membership in the church now numbers 247, about 20 per cent of whom live in Wheeling.

In 1847, ten years after the North Northfield church was organized, the first Catholic mass was said in the Wheeling area by a visiting priest, the Rev. J. N. Fortmann. That was the start of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In 1852, there were approximately 25 families of the Roman Catholic faith in the area. In May of that year, they decided to build a church on the borderline of Cook and Lake counties, west of what is now Buffalo Grove Road. The first services in the new church were held in September, 1852.

In 1898, the present church building on Buffalo Grove Road was built in a Gothic style, and in 1907 a two-story brick schoolhouse was completed.

Father George Ballweber was pastor of St. Mary's from 1945 to 1968, when he was succeeded by Father Edward Morgan.

The Rev. Edwin Pacocha is assistant pastor for the St. Mary's parish, which now includes approximately 1,000 families.

The Community Presbyterian Church, now located at 196 Highland Ave. in Wheeling began as a small county church more than 100 years ago. The church was organized in 1864, and the first building was constructed in 1866 on Dundee Road.

The original white frame building used by the congregation is still standing. Last spring it was moved to the Chamber of Commerce Park where it will remain as a permanent historical monument.

The congregation, now numbering 400 members, moved into its present church in December of 1962. Fund-raising for the new church was started in 1961 and ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Palm Sunday, 1962.

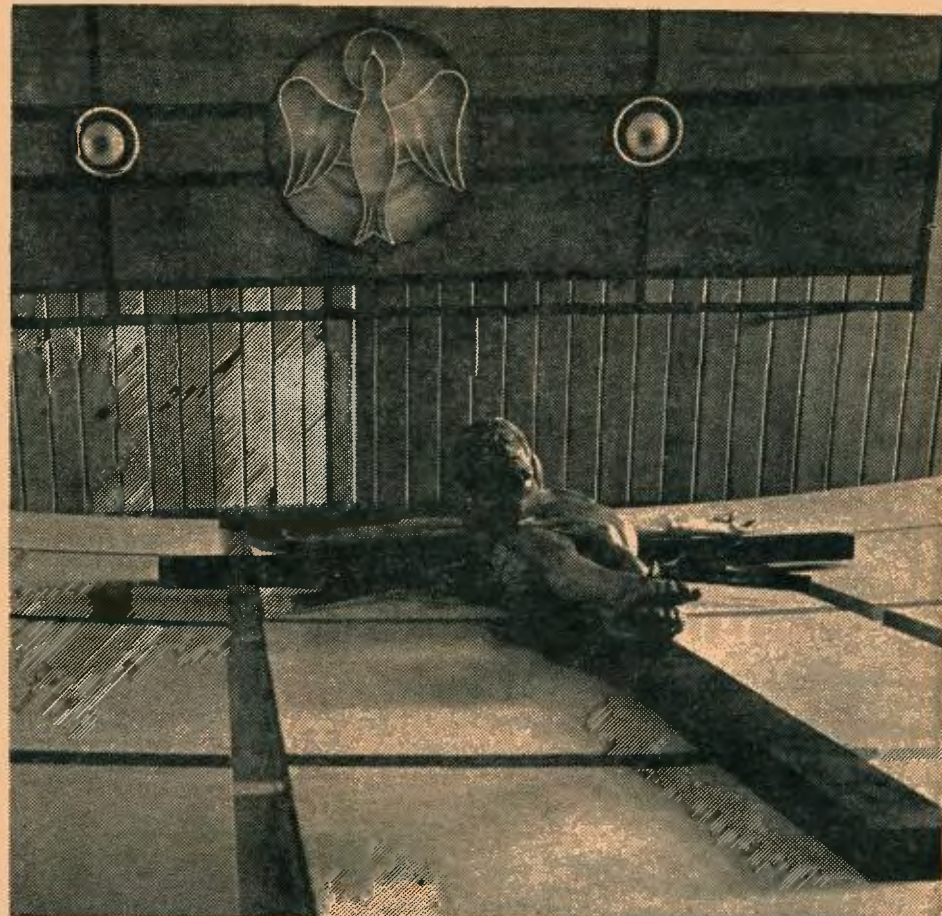
Rev. George Ekstrom, who will mark a decade of service to the church next month, said he is looking forward to continuing "strength and vitality of the church in the community."

The Wheeling Evangelical Free Church held its first service in January of 1956 at the Walt Whitman School. Kenneth Olenik was the first pastor of the church, which incorporated in 1958.

In 1959 the congregation began holding services in its present meeting place, the Carl Sandburg School. Members are presently conducting a fund-raising drive to erect a church on three acres of land north of the Sandburg School. The land was purchased last March.

The Rev. Clifford Branson, who became the church's first full-time pastor in 1964, said he anticipates the church will grow steadily during the next few years. Approximately 65 now attend the morning worship services, and some 80 children are enrolled in Sunday School classes.

The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 1111 Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, is now planning for its new sanctuary and educational



SYMBOL OF THE Holy Spirit above the crucifix on the altar of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. St. Joseph's is one of several thriving new

churches built in the Wheeling area in the past 10 years, demonstrating the strong spiritual commitment of the people of the community.

area. The \$200,000 project will be started this fall or next spring, according to the pastor, the Rev. Dennis Anderson.

The church was officially incorporated in April, 1957. Services were first held Nov. 18, 1956 at the Walt Whitman School by the Rev. George Hoog, the organizing pastor. At that time the congregation included 99 adults and 82 children.

The Rev. John Cooperrider was the first full-time pastor. The congregation moved into its new church on Elmhurst Road Aug. 7, 1960. Mr. Anderson became pastor of Good Shepherd in 1967; the congregation has grown steadily in the past 13 years and now includes 552 confirmed members and 469 children.

Church members are looking forward to greeting their new full-time student intern pastor in September.

The membership of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine, Prospect Heights, has grown by 560 in the 12 years since it was organized.

In March of 1957, when the church was started, communicant membership was 70. Today 630 people are communicant members.

The church was organized by a vicar, the late Jack Munro, and services were held in a school at the corner of Palatine and Schoenbeck roads.

The Rev. Paul Geotting served as pastor from June, 1957, until November of 1959. On May 3, 1959, the present church building was dedicated, and last year an educational addition was completed.

The Rev. Herman Noll, who has served as pastor of the church since 1960, said membership should reach 700 in the next few years.

The area's second Roman Catholic church, St. Joseph the Worker, held its first services Aug. 4, 1957 at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

Construction on the new church building at 181 W. Dundee was started in May, 1958, and completed in December of that year.

The new St. Joseph the Worker School opened its doors for the first time in September, 1959.

The Rev. George Mulcahey, who has been with the church since it was first organized, said membership numbers about 950 families.

The Rev. Raymond Yadron, the second priest for the St. Joseph parish, has been with the church since 1965.

The First Baptist Church of Wheeling was organized in August, 1960, and now includes a membership of approximately 100 families.

The congregation met in the Masonic Lodge in Wheeling and then in the Mark Twain School, before the church at the

corner of Elmhurst Road and Edward St.

was completed in 1961. The Rev. Stanley Dill, who has been pastor of the church since 1964, said the congregation is now planning to build an addition to the church within the next year.

The church operates a day care center for children of working mothers in the area. Members of the congregation assist a full-time director in running the center, which has taken care of 50 children at peak periods during the year.

The congregation of Kingswood Methodist Church is looking forward to moving into its \$160,000 new church on Dundee Road next month.

Since the church was started in 1963, services have been held in a converted machine shop next to the parsonage at 401 W. Dundee.

Approximately 25 families were members of the congregation when the church was started five years ago. Growth has been rapid, and now the church serves 125 families in the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove area.

The Rev. Noel Clark Holt, who has been pastor of the church since 1964, said he expects membership to grow even more rapidly with the completion of the new church.

The new Living Christ Lutheran Church at 625 W. Dundee, Buffalo Grove, was dedicated Feb. 18, 1968. The Rev. Kenneth Scherer, the present pastor, is also responsible for organizing the church.

On Nov. 14, 1965, Mr. Scherer held the first church service for the fledgling congregation in the Emmerich Park building.

The church was chartered with the state in May, 1966, and at that time had 102 communicant members and 122 children.

Membership in the church is now approximately 500, with 300 communicant members. Most of the congregation lives in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and the northern part of Arlington Heights.

Mr. Scherer and his family have recently moved into the new church parsonage, which was dedicated last July 6.

The newest church in the area, Twin Grove Baptist, was officially chartered last May.

The Rev. Arthur Garling held the first service Nov. 3, 1968, at the Louisa May Alcott School in Buffalo Grove.

Fifteen families from Wheeling and Buffalo Grove are now members of the church.

The church owns five acres of land on Arlington Heights Road, 1½ miles north of Dundee Road, and the congregation is now making preliminary plans for the construction of a church on this site in the near future.

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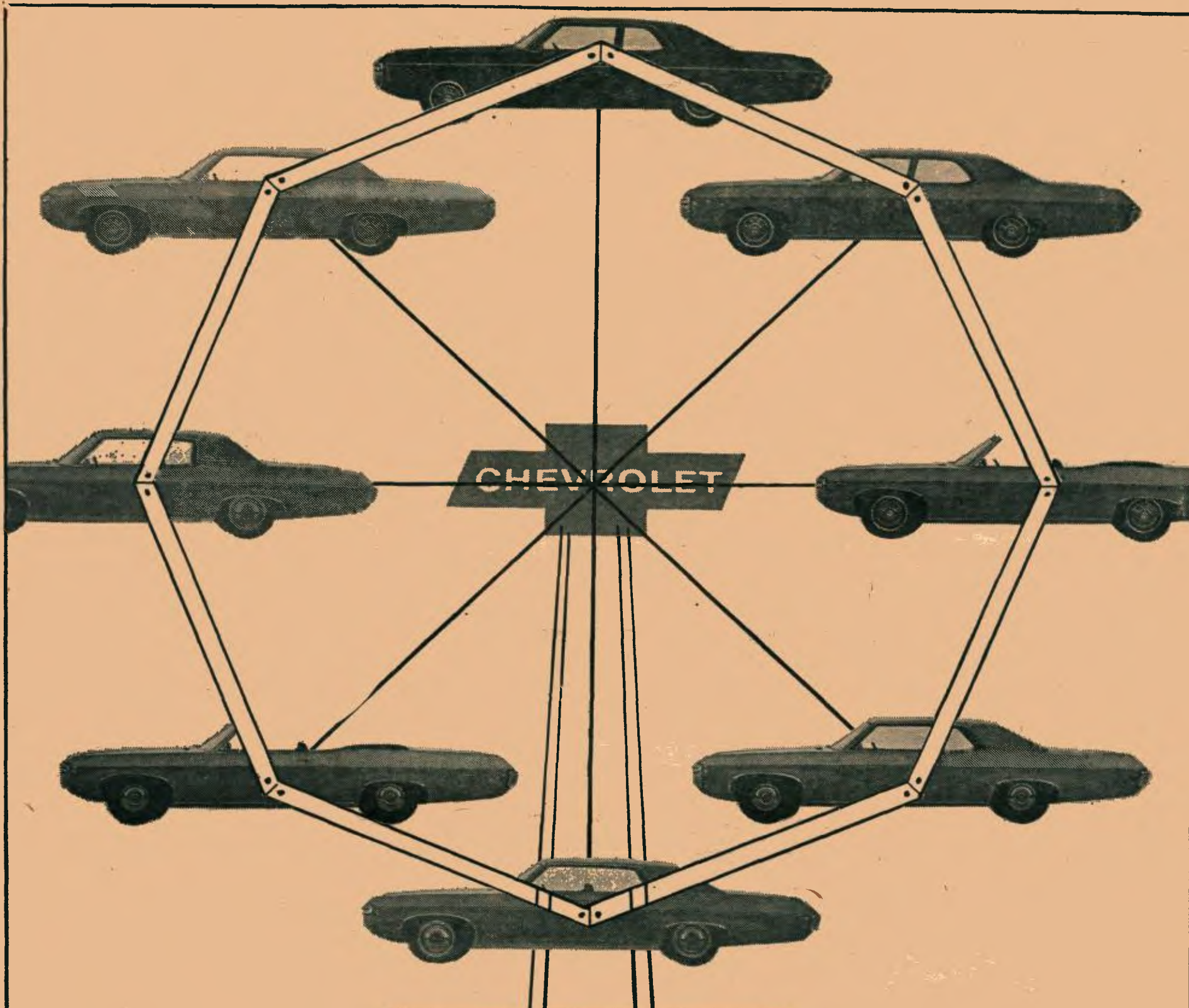
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